

In support of SB0627 - Repeal Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Judicial Proceedings - Sen. Carter

There is no reason that public officials -- who should be more accountable to the law than the average person -- should have greater protections than the rest of us. LEOBR grants our law enforcement personnel those extra protections by providing: extra-judicial protections to police officers being investigated for misconduct or brutality, including needless restrictions on timing and process of interrogations, unnecessary disclosure of in-process investigation information to the accused officer, and a biased jury of mostly or entirely police officers to decide on punishment. All of the above prevents neutral investigation and a transparent (to the public) process.

If the point of the police is to protect the public, this current law does the opposite, as it unduly protects any police officer who may be engaging in misconduct. It throws barriers in the public's of finding answers. In essence, our police no longer our accountable to the community. LEOBR needs to be repealed.

Respectfully,  
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